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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1 to 9

Part B for August 1917

SUBJECT.

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al Bagh by British Soldiers
on 24. 5. 1917.

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No Pol 123 dt 4-8-1917
States that it is not possible to institute
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identification and other points is insufficient
and not likely to lead to a Conviction.

To the I. G of Police
No J 369 dt 4th August 17
forwards Copy of the abov

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Police)

NOTES.

File No. 194-16

FILE HEADING.

Disturbance in and near the Lalbagh by British soldiers on 24-5-17.

From

The I. G. of Police in Mysore

No. 5634-534 Dated 26-5-17 Received 28-5-17

Diary No. J2566	Enclos. 4 Spare Copies.	Serial No.

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards copies of Dy. Commissioner & Police Superintendent in the matter.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Submitted with a draft G to the C.S.

2) Issue above & resubmit-

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3-30-7-17

Resident.

28.5.17

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Police File No. 194 of 1916-17

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2	To The F. A. Resident. No. Pol 1189 dt 29.5.17 Forwards copies of the D.C.'s letter and the Police Superintendent's memo.
3	From The D.C. Rangpur. No. 981/A dt 28/9.5.17. Submits a further report in the matter. 3) Sealed. P.A. 31.5.17 4) For kind perusal Extraordinary Member 5.6.17.

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4	From The J. S. P. no. 5686/539 dt 30/31. 5.17 Submits a further report regarding the disturbance created by British soldiers near the Lalbagh on 24.5.17. 5) Subd. The previous papers on the subject were subd. to the Extraordinary Member on 31.5.17. May this be subd. in continuation? BH. 6.6.17

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Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

Sr. No 5 ✱
Camp J. 14

From the S.P. & Police
one III 1st June 17.
Forwarded for perusal & return from the
Brigade Major stating that you enclosed
has been placed out of bounds for
6) Submitted for favour of

Kind perusal.

Superintendent
3/6/17

Extraordinary
Member

Now
4. 6. 17.

7) I do not think what has been done is
enough. Notice cannot be served
the main gate

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Separately sent

8) Extract from Police file (re result of the enquiry about the disturbance caused by the British soldiers near Municipality Balyan on the night of the 29th March 1917)

"The fracas near the Lalbagh amounts to an affray, and as both the soldiers and natives are concerned it will be a fit case for trial by a Justice of Peace, if prosecution is considered desirable. The Military authorities may in that case be asked to surrender the soldiers for trial before the Justice of Peace. A case in which the Military authorities surrendered one Sepahee of the Sherwood Foresters for trial by the Civil Court is also put up herewith for reference.

Init G.S. 7/6

9) A draft letter self contained to the Resy may be proposed

Init D.M.N. 7/6

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10) Vide marginal remarks the two files should be kept obtained. The Resy. letter should deal with

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the inadequacy of the measure adopted by the Military viz in placing only the Lalbagh within prescribed bounds.

Init D. M. M. 7/6

11) Draft

Init G. S. 7/6

12)
Subm. with a draft.

7/6/17 13) The report from D.S.P shows that there was an assault by the Soldiers against some innocent visitors in the Lalbagh and some persons who passed by in the road and that there was an affray between the Soldiers and some Indians near Municswamy's Sons. The Soldiers cannot be tried by the Durbars Courts unless they are surrendered by the Military authorities. Granting that they will be surrendered for such trial before a Justice of the Peace, the question of trial jointly with the Indians, or separately has to be considered. There is no evidence to show who the Indians were that attacked the Soldiers near Municswami's Sons.

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The Dy Supt Police informed me today that all the investigation by the Police till now has not been successful in tracing the culprits. He considers that the trial of the Soldiers alone for the affray without bringing to trial the Indians who also attacked the Soldiers is undesirable.

Vide File quoted below.

14) As a preventive step the placing of Lalbagh out of bounds except for a few hours in the evening and the establishment of a military Police in the vicinity have been ordered. The Dy Supt Police has also strengthened the Special Police patrol in the Lalbagh. This measure may perhaps be watched for some time to come before additional safeguards by way of completely placing the Lalbagh out of bounds or issue of special permits to only well behaved Soldiers are demanded from the Military authorities.

15) In this connection it may be noted that the Dy Supt Police has received intimation from the Military authorities that they will surrender the Soldiers who stabbed a Pariah near the Kaveri Agraharam for trial by the Civil Courts.

Secy) 16) Please let me have an answer that the Dy Supt answers all the points raised in the file.

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	17) All the points have been touched upon. *
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18)17) Draft letter to Govt. of India is also sub.	
	Submitted
19)(9) 18/6/16 Mr Scott-Moncrieff with Kings Brigade up in person	
5A	D.O. dd 26.5.17 from the I.G. of Police reporting the result of the conversation he had with the Brigadier Genl. regarding the disturbance caused by soldiers
6	From the A.A. Resident no. 4663 dt 18.6.17 forwards copy of letter no. 3605-17-A dated 8.6.17 from the General officer commanding Bangalore Brigade with enclosures with the request that the Resident may be informed of the action if any which the Durbar may take in the matter.
	20) A statement showing the remedial measures proposed and adopted is appended.

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Statement showing the remedial measures proposed and adopted by the military authorities.

Proposed by Govt.	Proposed by the D.S.P.	Proposed by the Dy. Comr.	Adopted by the military authorities
(1) Places like Lal bagh & Cubbon Park which are largely resorted to by soldiers to be (a) declared out of bounds or at least the movements of soldiers in the city should be controlled by (b) deputing a responsible military officer to accompany each party of soldiers leaving the barracks for recreation or sport. (2) Soldiers to be absolutely prohibited from carrying knives when they visit the city for recreation.	(1) The whole of the city should if possible be placed out of bounds for soldiers or at least for such as are not provided with a pass issued by competent authority. (2) The military authorities should keep under proper control the men who are under the influence of drink and not allow them to go about with dangerous weapons. (3) Prohibition of sale of liquor (This was supported by the Bangalore Council Unofficials).	(1) Soldiers to be prohibited from carrying jack knives when they come out for night scouring or on pleasure drives. (2) All the bathing ghats should be placed entirely out of bounds. The Lal bagh & the Extensions should be placed out of bounds except during prescribed hours and during this period every party of soldiers should be accompanied by some officer of the military police	(1) The City & precincts have been put out of bounds. The Lal bagh has been put out of bounds between 3 p.m. & 6.30 p.m. and also a military police is placed there. [Cubbon Park cannot be placed out of bounds] The General is not agreeable to deprive the soldiers of this luxury. (2) There is an Asst. Provost Marshal to supervise the military discipline of the troops. (3) Military police has been increased and they are on duty at all points day & night. (4) Three strong picquets patrol all the main thoroughfares between 6 p.m. & midnight. (5) Military police provided with bicycles for quick action. (6) Other precautions taken (not specified) N.B. — Action above items 2-6 seems to relate only to the Cd. & M. Station

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21) Points on which reference has to be made to the Residency.

(1) If it is decided that the soldiers are to be prosecuted the Residency has to be moved to ask the military authorities to try them by court martial or surrender them for trial by the civil authorities.

(2) The General wants action to be taken against the native rioters and the action taken ~~has~~ to be reported to the Residency.

22) Points on which reply is due to the D.S.P. of Police.

(1) The steps taken by the military authorities may be intimated to the D.S.P.

(2) Orders of Govt: as to whether a prosecution is or is not to be launched have to be communicated to the D.S.P.

23) Differences of view of the several officers ~~of their opinion~~.

Brigadier General.	Resident	The D.S.P.
The natives were mainly responsible for the disturbance.	Has not expressed his views.	The soldiers while being the worse for liquor created a disturbance in the lines and behaved in a very turbulent & boisterous manner.

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24) Submitted with a draft to the D.S.P. calling for his opinion. A suitable draft to the Residency will be submitted on receipt of his reply.

25) Seen. Done tomorrow before 2 P.M. and see that a reply is framed & the case submitted with a complete chape in less than 5 days.

7 To The D.S.P. no. J 4853 dt 25.6.17

Forwards a copy of the proceedings of the court of enquiry for his opinion and requests to be furnished with his views as regards the sufficiency of the measures adopted by the military authorities.

26) Subd. No reply has as yet been received from the D.S.P. A draft reminder is put up.

29.6.17

27) Done above

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Reminder issued no. J 4888 dt 29.6.17.

8. From The D.S.P. no. 26/2 dt 2/3.7.17.

States that the matter may be dropped as the evidence regarding the identification and other important points is insufficient

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and not likely to lead to a conviction; and that Botanical Student Ramiah who seems to have been responsible for the fracas outside Messrs Munisamy & Sons may be warned; and that the placing of Lalbagh out of bounds to soldiers between 3 & 6-30 pm. is sufficient.

28) Subd. for orders with a draft to the Residency.

BH. 5-7-17 WL.

29) In favour of approval of the order. The draft submitted is in accordance with the views of the Deputy Commissioner (Mr Bowring) and the S.P. of Police

EB 5/7

Secy)

The draft is not suitable. A revised draft may be put up showing essential details about the investigation held the results achieved. If there is no evidence for prosecution how can there be evidence for warning. Under what provision of law is the warning to be given. The Bowring will Revenue deal with the case himself. Let me have a draft by tomorrow evening.

Dues 6/7

9 To The H. A Resident

EB 6/7

No Pol 123 dated 4th August 1917

States that it is not possible to institute

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The investigation made by the D. S. P shows no more than that 7 persons were identified separately by different persons. The identification regarding one is completely proved to be false by the D.S.P himself as one man Nippia identified by one Mulford as the person who attempted to rifle the Soldiers pocket is proved to be not the man by the other Soldiers. Men, except in one instance, no two persons identify the same accused. Further beyond this alleged identification, there is absolutely no evidence to connect any of the persons identified with the crime. The evidence adduced by the Military contradicting is completely one sided, and also full of discrepancies, and does not improve the case against the natives who are alleged to have attacked the Soldiers.

The evidence against the Botanical Student Ramia consists only in the fact that he was identified by one Soldier Reynolds as the person who beat the Soldiers with an umbrella and was beaten in return. The evidence against him is just the same as against any other. There are no grounds to differentiate his case from that of others excepting that the D.S.P suspected him from the first as the person who had injured by the Soldiers might-

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have set up this gang even to that [illegible] and militarily agents, and no warning can be given on the basis of this gang. It is not legal.

A revised draft is submitted herewith for approval & thereafter orders.

SB 10/8

Draft

The revised typed draft copy may be approved.

Fuel Member

Dy. Sec. to Govt. 4/8/17

Approved

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Dy. Sec. to Govt.

9 To The D. A. Resident

No Pol 123 4th Aug. 17

States that it is not possible to institute any criminal action before a court of law in the above case as the evidence re the identification and other points is insufficient and not likely to lead to a conviction

To The S. P. of Police

No 369 4th Aug. 1917

Forwards copy of the above

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OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

Dated Bangalore, 26th May 1917.

DIARY No. J.2566.

Encls.

	19 MAY 1917
SECTION	Police
FILE No.	1946
SERIAL No.	1

From

K. R. SRINIVASA IYENGAR, Esq., M.A.,
Offg. Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

To

D. M. Narasinga Rao Esquire, B.A.B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, General Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith copy of letter No.134/S.O. dated 25th May 1917 from the Deputy Commissione of Bangalore with its enclosures reporting a disturbance between the soldiers and the people at the Lal Bagh on the 24th instant. It will be seen therefrom that some soldiers who were under the influence of drink went about molesting and striking every body that they came across and that in consequence they were set upon and beaten by the friends and dependants of the persons whom they had attacked.

2. Steps have been taken to have a strong force of police posted to patrol the Lal Bagh and the road leading to it during all hours of the day to prevent the occurrenc of similar incidents in future.

I have the honor to be,
sir,
Your most obedient servant,

K R Srinivasa Iyengar

Offg. Inspector General of Police.

WD 2328—GPB—400—2-4-17

From

The Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore, Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of H. H. the Maharaja of
Mysore, General Dept.

Dated 26.5.17
Despatched
No. S-634/534
Enclosure 4

Subject.

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1 May be dealt with in Br III

2. An official intimation to No 1 Brg is perhaps due.

3. The Board can communicate direct to the Govt in the matter.

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No.134/S.O. Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District
Dated Bangalore, 25th May 1917

From

Muhammed Zahiruddin Meccai Esquire, B.A.,
Senior Assistant Commissioner,
in charge Bangalore District.

To

K. R. Srinivasiengar Esquire, M.A.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a Memo submitted by the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore District and to state that I was present at the enquiry from beginning to end and found, as was brought out in the course of the enquiry, that those who had come for the picnic had indulged in liquor rather freely, as was evidenced by the large number of empty beer bottles left behind. It is a question as to how they were able to bring such a large quantity of liquor with them.

2. I beg also to state in this connection that it was fortunate that the soldiers did not have recourse to the Jack knives, which I found hanging by the belts of most of them similar to the one used in the murder of Royappa near Konana Agrahar on the 21st instant. It would seem that every soldier who has been invalided here from the front is armed with a knife of this kind. From what has transpired I beg to submit that it would be in the interest of all concerned that the soldiers are prohibited from carrying these weapons on their persons when they come out for sight seeing or on pleasure drives, as these knives are not only not required by them on

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such occasions but are of a very dangerous nature.

3. The special Police patrol in the Lal Bagh which, for some time past, has been working from 4 to 8 P.M., will be strengthened and made to patrol the Lal Bagh premises and the approach road during all the hours of the day till the Lal Bagh gates are closed.

4. Further report will be submitted in due course.

I have &c.

Sd/- Muhammed Zahiruddin Mecci.
Senior Assistant Commissioner
in charge Bangalore District.

* C O P Y *

Iyengar

Offg. Inspector General of Police.

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Office of the Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore District.
Dated Bangalore, 24th May 1917.

MEMO

While I was in office to-day at 3-30 P.M. Constable Naga Singh came to me in a hurry and informed me that a lot of soldiers were creating a disturbance in the front of the Lal Bagh and at Mavalli by beating every body they came across. I tried to send a Telephone message to the Brigade office to send up Military Police, but the instrument was useless. I then informed the Deputy Commissioner who very kindly came with me at once and we arrived at Messrs. Muniswamy & Sons, Florists on the Lal Bagh Road by 3-45 P.M.

I found about 12 or 15 soldiers in front, and on the verandah of the Building in an agitated state.

With the help of Sergeant Nash who just then arrived, we pacified them and I started making enquiries.

Private Crutchlow, Garrison Military Police, informed me that Lance Corporal Taplin of the 2nd Royal West Kents Regiment with Private Reynolds, Creighton Winstanley and Private Miles went to the Lal Bagh about 9 A.M. for a picnic, that three of these men were to start to night to the front, that about 12 noon, Miles found that his friends had too much beer, and fearing that they might not get back to Barracks, in time, he went back to his Regiment to fetch help and carriages to take the men back, and sought his (G.M.P's) help, that, when they were returning to the Lal Bagh, with three carriages and some men, about 2 P.M. he found the soldiers being beaten by Natives at Messrs. Munisawmy & Sons and when he went to their rescue, he was assaulted by the Natives with bamboos and a chopper, he was hurt on the wrist, right knee and shoulder, and produced a stout piece of Bamboo, as the stick, he was assaulted with, but he was

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not able to identify any of the men.

Private Atchley A.S.C. and Private Miles, West Kents, stated that they were going to the Lal Bagh between 2 and 3 P.M. and found several Natives beating the soldiers in front of Messrs. Munisawmy & Sons, Lal Bagh Road, and that they went to their assistance and that Private Egeston hurt his knee, while jumping out of the Gharry and that Miles had gone for help to take these men back as they had too much liquor.

Private Cousins, Royal Kents, stated that he was going to the Lal Bagh between 2 and 3 P.M. and found some Natives beating some soldiers, in front of this Building and that some were hurt.

Lance Corporal Mafurd, Royal Kents, stated that he passed by, about 3 P.M. and found some soldiers hurt but did not see any body strike them.

Sergeants Nash and Park with 5 men of the Military Police arrived after hearing of the disturbance from the Civil and Military Police as Lance Corporal Taplin and 3 others, who had left prior to my arrival, went to the Shoolay Police and lodged a complaint, copy of which I received and have attached hereto.

During the enquiry, I learnt that the soldiers had created a disturbance previously at the Lal Bagh and had struck several persons.

I proceeded to the Lal Bagh incompany with the Deputy Commissioner and Sergeant Nash and was informed by Mr. Bistopanth, the Superintendent, that the three soldiers chased his contractor( ) into his office and wanted to strike him, accusing him of having stolen some of their currency notes, that he had the man searched and finding nothing on him, he pacified the soldiers and sent them away, that the soldiers were intoxicated having emptied a large number of bottles of beer and that they

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smashed a few flower pots in the Fern house and broke a bench and that one of the soldiers fell off his bicycle.

We examined the Fern House and found this to be true 17 empty beer bottles were found there and a Bike and a helmet were found in the office.

One Thippiah, Patel of Npogalhalli village of the Molakalmuru Taluk, who came as a casual visitor to the Lal Bagh to-day, hurried to us and showed us a black eye, which he stated, was caused by the soldiers, just because he went into the Fern house, when the soldiers were driving some gardeners away.

Ramiah, a Botanical student, stated that one of the soldiers gave him a blow on the mouth and hurt one of his teeth at the Lal Bagh Gate, because he was not sharp in helping to adjust a chain on one of the bicycles of the soldiers

Messrs. Rama Rao and D' Souza in charge of the grounds in the Lal Bagh, informed me that they saw the soldiers committing these acts of mischief and that they further chased two Eurasian young ladies who were screaming for help and that when Mr. D'Souza and others hurried up, they ceased to molest the ladies.

Inspector Abdul Nabi informed me that he turned up on the scene and hearing that the soldiers had committed excesses at the Lal Bagh, he went there to see, and by the time he went round the place and came to the gate, he found three soldiers the worse for liquor indiscriminately assaulting every body and that despite his warnings and persuasion they went into Mavalli and there assaulted the marginally noted men , and that with the greatest difficulty,he brought them to the Building of Munisami and Sons, when they were taken away and that we arrived just then.

1. Kuppusami
2. Byanna
3. Divakarappa
4. Ramiah

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Ramiah of Messrs. Rudrappa and Sons informed me that he was returning from the City on a bicycle when these soldiers without any cause kicked his bicycle and knocked him down, and that the soldiers then attacked an old villager.

Post man Kuppusamy of the R.M.S. living at Mavalli, showed me his left eye which was injured and informed me that one of the soldiers dealt him a blow.

Two men, Byanna and Devakarappa are also reported to be injured but their presence could not be secured.

Mr. Subbiah of Messrs. Rudrappa and Sons informed me that the soldiers had entered his garden also and there frightened his gardeners and females.

During the enquiry at the Florists, Lieut. Cunnings A.P.M. turned up, learnt the facts and left.

The General Commanding the station and a staff officer also came to the Lal Bagh and made enquiries. Petty shopkeeper Sattar complained that in the disturbance his shop was looted by these soldiers.

That the 4 soldiers who were the worse for liquor misbehaved themselves in the Lal Bagh is quite clear, and Mr. Bistopanth informs me that they even molested a respectable Hindu visitor to the station from Ceylon, while he visited the Lal Bagh, in company with his sister, by jumping on to the foot board of the car while in motion.

That there ~~was~~ were a large number of soldiers in the Lal Bagh is clear by the fact that 5 carriages drove in containing them about 9 A.M.

That the soldiers while being the worse for liquor, created a disturbance in the Lal Bagh and further after the

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assault, in front of the Florist's place, they behaved in a very turbulent and boisterous manner by striking every body mostly innocent persons they came across is also established, but how the disturbance was caused at the Florists, nobody comes forward to say.

That the soldiers were beaten by Hindus is spoken to not only by the Military men but also by the Mahomedan petty shop keeper, though he is not able to name any of the Hindu assailants. A Hindu man and a woman are hurt.

My suspicions are that Ramiah, the Botanical student who was assaulted in the Lal Bagh and who is related to the Florists is the cause of the trouble as he admits that after he was beaten he ran in the direction of the Firm. The soldiers seeing him run, must have pursuedhim, when the gardeners and other servants of the Firm hurried out and a free fight ensued. This the men are not however prepared to admit.

Coachman Varada who drove some of the soldiers to the Florists Firm stated that he saw the gardeners and coolies of this Firm beat the soldiers at the instigation of Mr. Veerappa, the Head of the Firm, but this statement does not appear to be true as Mr. Veerappa was at my office at 3-30 P.M. this day.

During the enquiry, we noticed that some of the soldiers had been drinking and Mr. Bistopanth has stated the same in his letter to the Brigade Major prior to the disturbance at the Florists (Copy enclosed).

All disturbance ceased by 4 P.M. and every thing was quiet in the evening. I have arranged for special Patrol.

Further details will be submitted.

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Offg. Inspector General of Police.

Sd/. A. Hayes.
Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore District.

Copy of complaint given by the soldier to the Shoolay Police station.

I and my chums Private Reynolds, Creighton, Winstanley went to the Lal Bagh for a picnic and when we were returning near the big Florists and Seedsman shop, several natives, about 20 in number, set upon and assaulted us with sticks and stones.I was hit on the head, Reynolds was hit all over the body, Creighton on the eye and cheek and Winstanley badly hit on the eye. We do not give any cause but we were riding home in on a Gharry. Please do the needful. Creighton who was with us lost his bicycle and Creighton and myself lost our helmets in the disturbance.

Sd/- E. Taplin, L.Corporal
2nd R. W. Kents.

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Offg. Inspector General of Police.

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To

The Brigade Major

Civil and Military Station,

B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that for some days past the soldiers of the Local Garrison coming in large numbers into the Lal Bagh garden have been creating disturbances very often—and ill-treat the garden employees.

In spite of warnings from the men in charge they get beyond the iron reigons and thrust their hands into the cages of the leopard and lions. One of them was severly scratched by one of the animals about four or five days ago. Today a body of the R. W. Kents, consisting of about 50 came into the garden at about 10 A.M. and getting full drunk commenced chasing the employees and visitors all round and broke a few benches and flower pots and were quite uncontrollable. I request therefore that you will be good enough to issue necessary orders so as to prevent their frequenting the garden or creating disturbances therein.

I have &c.,

Sd/- Bistopanth Badami.

Superintendent, Lal Bagh.

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Insurance

Offg. Inspector General of Police.

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SUBJECT.....

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GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT. TYPING Sec. 28 MAY 1917

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

Section *Police*

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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No. *Pol 1189/Ee 2*

Date of issue *29-5-1917*

Signed by *S. M. Kanavin Sahib*

To

The 7. A. Resident

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith ~~a copy of the~~ ~~correspondence~~ ~~noted~~ in the margin, ~~relative~~ a copies of the marginally noted communications regarding a disturbance created by British soldiers in a mess the Lalbagh on the 24th May 1917.

I have &c.

For Secy to Govt

Gl. Dept.

1. Letter No. 134-S.O. dated the 25th May 1917 from the D.C. Bangalore to the G.S.G. Police in original.

2. Bangalore D. S.P.'s memo dt/ 24-5-17.

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner,

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Bangalore District.

Dated Bangalore, 28th May 1917.

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From

The Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

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30 MAY 1917

To

D.M.Narasinga Rao, Esq., B.A. B.L.,
Secretary to Government,
General Department,
Bangalore.

Sir,

In continuation of my No.133-134 dated 25-5-1917 re disturbance in the Lal-Bagh and its vicinity by British Soldiers on the 24th Instant, I have the honor to forward herewith 2 other reports, submitted by the Superintendent of Police, on the subject and to state that it is clear from the investigation, conducted by the District Superintendent of Police, that there was a regular affray between the Soldiers and some Hindus and in a prosecution for the offence, all the parties concerned will have to be placed before the court. It is a question for consideration if a prosecution is necessary or advisable in the present instance, as, in that case, the Soldiers will have to be proceeded against.

As regards the steps to be taken to avoid such breaches of the peace in future, I would venture to suggest that all the Bathing Ghats should be placed entirely out of bounds for the Soldiers. The Lal-Bagh and the extensions should be similarly placed out of bounds, except

during prescribed hours; with the further provision that during this period, every party of Soldiers should be - accompanied by some Officer of the Military Police. In this connection, I need not reiterate the suggestion I made in Para 2 of my letter No. B.O 133-34. Dated 25-5-17.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Senior Assistant Commissioner,

in charge, Bangalore District.

Office of the Superintendent of Police,

Bangalore District.

Dated Bangalore, 26th May 1917.

M E M O.

In pursuance of a communication received by me late last evening, I attended the Pekin Barracks this morning with the Civil witnesses, and was present at an enquiry held by Major Marples and 2 other officers.

Some of the Civil witnesses were examined also a few Military witnesses. I am given to understand that this enquiry was held under orders from the General, purely for Military purposes to determine the nature of the charges against the Soldiers.

During the course of the enquiry Mr. D'Souza further informed us that one of the Soldiers even insulted the Superintendent Mr. Bistopauth in his office by trying to poke his caste mark on his forehead repeatedly, while he was enquiring into the cause of the Soldiers rushing into the office.

From the enquiry held by me hitherto it is quite clear that a party of about 20 Soldiers came to the Lal-Bagh on the 24th instant and after freely partaking of beer they became boisterous, and assaulted persons among whom the Botannical Student Ramiah was one of the injured and it is due to this man (as surmised by me in the first Report) that the subsequent affray occurred in front of the premises of Messrs. Munisamy & Sons, as he is related to the Florist, and was identified by the Soldiers to have been present at the disturbance, and he is further alleged by the Soldiers to have been seen striking them with an umbrella.

This my belief is also strengthened by the fact

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that when Mr. Veerappa first saw me in Office he informed me, that Soldiers had entered his premises - committed excesses, broken panes of glass and had - injured his nephews mouth.

But as the evidence now stands it can only be proved that the Soldiers created a disturbance in the Lal-Bagh and that eventually there was an affray between Soldiers and Hindus in front of the Florist's Firm but there is nothing to show how the trouble originated at this latter place, and who were the real culprits.

Looking at the whole case it appears nothing but a disturbance created by some Soldiers under the influence of liquor and as such I do not consider that the case should be brought before a court.

The other point connected with this incident for serious consideration is that the tranquility of the Lal-Bagh should not be disturbed by such occurrences. It is a pleasure spot to which people of all denominations especially Ladies and Children freely resort such conduct on the part of Soldiers is sure to be of the greatest annoyance. While at the same time though it may be difficult to exclude the whole mass of Soldiers, at present in Bangalore, entirely from the Lal-Bagh, I would beg to suggest that such of them only as can obtain passes from their officers may be permitted to visit the Lal-Bagh and the City extensions.

Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore District.

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Office of the Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore District.
Dated Bangalore, 25th May 1917.

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In continuation of my Memo of Yesterday's date re the disturbance caused by the Soldiers near the Lal-Bagh I beg to report that I went this morning to the Barracks and saw Sergeant Nash who brought 3 of the Soldiers who bore injuries to the Firm of Messrs.Muni-samy and Sons ~~this morning~~ at 11 A.M. and stated that the 4th man Winstanley was in Hospital and could not be removed.

I assembled about 50 persons and held an identification Parade.

Lance Corporal Taplin identified one Tayappa as having held a bamboo during the assault.

Private Reynolds identified Botannical Student Ramiah as one of the assailants, and stated that he was beating the Soldiers with an umbrella and that he then struck Ramiah.

Private Creighton identified Syce Tandaraya as having thrown a stone at the Soldiers when they were passing in front of the Firm.

Lance Corporal Hafurd identified Tippiah as the man who first caused the trouble in the Lal-Bagh by trying to remove money from Private Winstanley.

Petty Shop-keeper Sattar identified Syces Tandaraya and Yellappa, and Gardeners Chinna and Sakayya as having been among the assailants.

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All the identified men are employees of the Firm of Messrs.Muniswamy and Sons, Florists, but I must here state that the identification by Lance Corporal Mafurd is not correct, as it will be seen from my report of Yesterday that the man, alleged to have attempted to steal money from the Soldiers was one Contractor Ramiah who was immediately pursued by the Soldiers into the office of the Superintendent and there searched.

I examined the following persons.

1. Mr. Veerappa, Proprietor of Messrs.M.Munisamy & Sons, Florists, Bangalore, stated that Yesterday he went to the Principle Munsiff's Court at 12 noon and waited there till 2-30 P.M. that the case was called at 2-30 P.M. that it was heard till 3 P.M. and was settled in his behalf he waited for his Lawyer Mr.B.Ramaswamy Setty for some other legal advice for another half an hour or so that his coach man Tandaraya came to him at the Civil Court and informed him that the British Soldiers rushed into his office and damaged the window glasses that the employees ran away, that he went to the Superintendent of Police, at once and complained to him who said that he had also received the information and promised to go over there with the Deputy Commissioner, that in the meanwhile they both started and he followed them, that when he came to his office he found four window glasses broken that he learnt from his nephew Munisamy who turned up, after he went there that the Soldiers came from the Lal-Bagh side running and rushed into their garden office Buildings for reasons unknown to him, and caused the damage as he shut the doors being afraid and that he opened the rear door and escaped with others that were engaged in packing vegetables for out Stations.

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2. Munisamy, the Nephew of the Proprietor Veerappa stated that his uncle went to court at about 12 noon that he was engaged in packing vegetalbes with his cousin Latchmayya and servant Kalla that at about 3-15 P.M. two Hindus rushed into their garden that he came to their entrance door to see who they were that just then he observed two Soldiers following and entering into their garden office ~~entrance~~ that he got afraid and shut the door that the Soldiers struck the door with club and damaged the window ~~glasses~~ Panes that ~~he~~ and his cousin and servant therefore ran away through the rear-door and escaped from their premises jumping over the garden wall that he cannot say who the two Hindus were who rushed into their garden that there is plenty of room for one to escape from their garden that after the arrival of the police and others he returned to their garden and that he was all the while hiding in the burial ground close by.

3. Venkattappa of Siddapur head Gardener Lal-Bagh stated that at about 11 A.M. some 20 Soldiers came to the Fern house that they had brought with them beer bottles in ~~bags~~ three Gunny bags that they wanted to put the benches in the Fern House close to each other that he advised them not to do so that one of them came to kick him that he then kept quiet while the Soldiers commenced drinking that he went for his day meal and returned at about 1 P.M. that they were still there drinking and throwing bottles at each other and also at others that had come to the Lal-Bagh for sight seeing that he sat at some distance from them for some time that at about 2-30 P.M. one of their gardeners Ramiah was assaulted by a Soldier while he was carrying some pots that some visitor Gowda was also beaten that they broke a bench in the Fern House and some pots and gave

a lot of trouble at the office of the Superintendent.

4.Munisamy, of Mavalli stated that while he was in his house yesterday, at about 3 P.M. he saw some Soldiers in their village beating some people in the streets that he was afraid and shut the door that the Soldiers came to his house and kicked at his door and that as he did not open they went away after kicking at the door for some time.

5. Venkatasamy a resident of Mavalli and a Boy binder in Irish Press stated that at about 3-30 P.M. he happened to be in his house that having heard some disturbance he came out to see what the matter was and saw three Soldiers coming to Mavalli that one of them struck him with his fist on his face that the Soldier who beat him was under the influence of liquor and that he ran away.

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8. Chinnappa a Mali living in Upendappa's Choultry stated that yesterday at about 3 P.M. while he and 2 other coolies were working in the garden of Messrs.Munisamy & sons situated by the side of the Post Office 3 Soldiers rushed into the garden and began to pelt stones at them that he and the other coolies ran away in different direc-

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that as he was hit with a stone he fell down when one of the Soldiers kicked him with his boots on his back and that he was hurt on his back and his right leg swollen.

9. Ramasamy Naidu another binder in the Irish Press and a resident of Podmavalli, stated that yesterday at about 3 P.M. while he was going to the Lal-Bagh Post Office 3 Soldiers came to him that one of them kicked him with his boots while the other two beat him with their fists and that he ran away.

10. Private Winstanley stated yesterday that while he was at the Lal-Bagh with his friends he was lying down in the fern house when some native tried to steal money from his pocket that he called out when the native ran away, that he did not lose any money that his comrades chased the man and told him that they gave him over to a man in the office that he had no beer at all that he did not strike any body nor break any flower pot that while returning from Lal-Bagh between 2 and 3 P.M. he and another man were walking when the natives set upon them and beat them near the Firm of Messrs. Munisamy & Sons that they beat him and his friends Crichton and Reynolds that he was beaten on the back and the left eye that they ran away but they were chased by the natives that eventually they got into one of the carriages brought by private Miles and got away, that they lodged a complaint at the Choolay Police Station that he did not strike any native that they took no beer in the carriages and that he could not say when they hired the carriages.

I noticed that a few panes of glass were broken in the windows of the Florists premises. The names and addresses of the persons identified were noted and they were warned to appear when required again.

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The statement of Private Winstanley was recorded by me, at the South Station Hospital, Civil and Military Station, this evening.

Further details will be submitted.

Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore District.

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No. 5686/539

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

Dated Bangalore, 30th May 1917.

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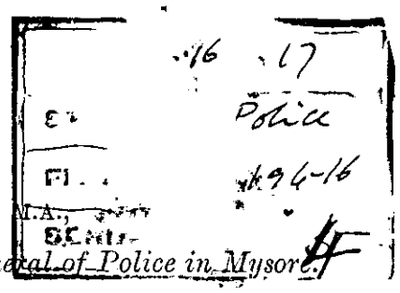

From

K. R. SRINIVASA IYENGAR, Esq., M.A.,
Offg. Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

To

D. M. Narasinga Rao, Esquire, B.A., B.L.,

Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, General Department.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 5634/534 dated 26th instant, I have the honor to forward herewith for the information of Government copies of letter No. 981 dated 28th idem and of its enclosures from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore submitting a further report re the disturbance in the Lal-Bagh and its vicinity on the 24th May 1917.

2. As the trouble originated with the disturbance caused by the soldiers under the influence of drink, the Deputy Commissioner is of opinion that if a prosecution is to be launched, both the soldiers as well as the civil population who attacked them apparently in self defence will have to be proceeded against, and that in the circumstances of the case a prosecution is not desirable.

3. As regards the precautionary measures required to guard against such incidents in future, a strong Police Force has been deputed to patrol the Lal-Bagh and the vicinity and see that no breach of the peace occurs. This may not, however, completely answered the required purpose, and I would therefore recommend for the consideration of Government the Deputy Commissioner's suggestions to have the Lal-Bagh and

GEN. & REVENUE DEPT. 31 MAY 1917

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From

The Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore, Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of H. H. the Maharaja of
Mysore, General Dept.

Dated 31st May 1917
Despatched
No. 5686
539 Enclosure

Subject. Forwarding report re the disturbance in the Lalbaugh

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the Extensions placed, either wholly or partially, out of bounds for the soldiers or at least for such of them as are not provided with a pass.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Asst. to Offg. Inspector General of Police

For Offg. Inspector General of Police,

Absent from station.

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windows of the Florist's premises. The names and addresses of the persons identified were noted and they warned to appear when required again.

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Further details will be submitted.

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For Offg. Inspector General of Police.

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No. C.111 Office of the Inspector General of Police in Mysore,

Dated Camp Mysore, 1st June 1917.

file no 194-16
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From

K. R. Srinivasiengar, Esqr., M.A.,

Offg. Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

To

D. M. Narasinga Rao, Esqr., B.A. B.L.,

Secretary to the Government of His Highness the

Maharaja of Mysore, General Department.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No.5586/539 dated the 30th ultimo, forwarding a report on the disturbance at the Lal-bagh on the 24th idem, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of letter No.23/x/3, dated the 31st May 1917, from the Brigade Major, Bangalore, stating that the Lal-bagh has been placed out of bounds temporarily to all British N. C. O's and men of the Garrison, excep between the hours of 3 and 6-30 P.M. daily.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K R Srinivasiengar

Offg. Inspector General of Police.

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From

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore

To

The Secretary to Government, General Department.

Dated 12th June 1917

Despatched

Received

General No. C 111

No.

Enclosure No. One

Forwarding copy of letter from the Brigade Major, Bangalore, intimating that the Rail Bazar has been placed out of bounds for the British N.C.Os and men temporarily, except between 3 Pm & 6-30 Pm

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Letter No. 23/X/3 dated the 31st May 1917, from the Brigade Major, Bangalore Brigade, to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

Reference - Your conversation with the General Officer Commanding, Bangalore, at this office on the 28th instant in connection with the Lal Bagh disturbance of the 24th instant.

I am directed to inform you that the G. O. C. has placed the Lal Bagh Out of Bounds (as a temporary measure) to all British N. C. O's and men of the Garrison, except between the hours of 3 P.M. and 6-30 P.M. daily.

Further, I am to add that a Military Police Post has been established in the vicinity.

C O P Y.

Offg. Inspector General of Police.

Bangalore,

Dated the 26th May 1917

My dear Sir

I have this day sent an official report to Government about the disturbance by the soldiers at the Lal-Bagh on the 24th instant which I reported to you in person yesterday. I enclose a copy of the report herewith for ready reference.

2. I saw General Iggulden yesterday and had a talk with him about the measures to be adopted to prevent such occurrences in future. He said that in spite of the precautions taken to keep the soldiers from drink, they managed to get the drink they wanted through the coachmen of the carriages hired by them and that he was asking the District Magistrate of the Civil and Military Station to take action to prevent the sale of drink by the liquor shop-keepers to coachmen and others for the use of the soldiers, and he wanted similar action to be taken in the City. I have accordingly written demi-officially to the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore to take necessary action with regard to the liquor shops in the City.

3. In view of the frequent occurrences of such disturbances, I suggested to the General the desirability of putting the Lal-Bagh out of bounds for the soldiers. He said he would consider the matter and let me know his dicision as soon as the enquiry into the recent disturbance was completed. He appeared to be inclined to put the Lal-Bagh out of bounds at least partially - i.e., during certain hours - if not fully.

4. I beg to bring to your notice that this is the fourth incident between the soldiers and our people which had occurred within the past two months. The first was the collision between the soldiers and some officers of the I.S. Corps,

which was reported in my letter No. 4440/421 dated the 30th March 1917 and in which the Commandant of the I.S. Corps met with severe injuries which resulted in his death. The second incident was the disturbance at the Lal-Bagh between the soldiers and some Mahammedans on the 12th May 1917 reported to Government in my letter of the 15th idem. In the third case which occurred on the 21st instant and which was reported by me in my letter No. 5545/530 dated the 22nd idem to Government, an innocent villager was suddenly and without any provocation stabbed to the heart on the high-road by a soldier who was out of his senses owing to drink.

5. If similar occurrences have to be prevented in future, it is necessary that steps should be taken to avoid the soldier particularly the more ignorant and unruly men among them - coming into contact with our people. At present, the Military Authorities have put the City out of bounds for the soldiers, but this is limited to the old City and does not extend to the Lal-Bagh, nor I believe to the Extensions - Basavangudi and Malleswaram. I would suggest the desirability of the Military Authorities being addressed through the Residency to have the Lal-Bagh and the Extensions - the whole of the City, if possible - placed out of bounds for the soldiers or at least for such as are not provided with a pass issued by competent authority.

6. It is also necessary that the Military Authorities should keep under proper control the men who are under the influence of drink and not allow them to go about in a semi-demented condition-and that too armed with a dangerous weapon-as was done in the case of the soldier concerned in the stabbing incident referred to above.

Yours sincerely,

Encl 5A. 4 pl

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No. Office of the Inspr-Genl of Police in Mysore.

Bangalore, Dated 26th May 1917.

From

The Offg. Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of Mysore, General Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith copy of letter No.134/S.O. dated 25th May 1917 from the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore with its enclosures reporting a disturbance between the soldiers and the people at the Lal Bagh on the 24th instant. It will be seen therefrom that some soldiers who were under the influence of drink went about molesting and striking every body that they came across and that in consequence they were set upon and beaten by the friends and dependants of the persons whom they had attacked.

2. Steps have been taken to have a strong force of Police posted to patrol the Lal Bagh and the road leading to it during all hours of the day to prevent the occurrence of similar incidents in future.

I have the honor to be,
sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Fair Draft.

Offg. Inspector General of Police.

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No.134/S.O. Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District
Dated Bangalore, 25th M a y 1917.

From

Muhammed Zahiruddin Meccai Esquire, B.A.,
Senior Assistant Commissioner,
in charge Bangalore District.

To

K. R. Srinivasiengar Esquire, M.A.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.
B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a Memo submitted by the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore District and to state that I was present at the enquiry from beginning to end and found, as was brought out in the course of the enquiry, that those who had come for the picnic had indulged in liquor rather freely, as was evidenced by the large number of empty beer bottles left behind. It is a question as to how they were able to bring such a large quantity of liquor with them.

2. I beg also to state in this connection that it was fortunate that the soldiers did not have recourse to the Jack knives, which I found hanging by the belts of most of them similar to the one used in the murder of Royappa near Konana Agrahar on the 21st instant. It would seem that every soldier who has been invalided here from the front is armed with a knife of this kind. From what has transpired I beg to submit that it would be in the interest of all concerned that the soldiers are prohibited from carrying these weapons on their persons when they come out for sight seeing or on pleasure drives, as these knives are not only not required by them on

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such occasions but are of a very dangerous nature.

3. The special Police patrol in the Lal Bagh which, for some time past, has been working from 4 to 8 P.M., will be strengthened and made to patrol the Lal Bagh premises and the approach road during all the hours of the day till the Lal Bagh gates are closed.

4. Further report will be submitted in due course.

I have &c.,

Sd/- Muhammed Zahiruddin Mecci.
Senior Assistant Commissioner
in charge Bangalore District.

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Offg. Inspector General of Police.

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Office of the Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore District.
Dated Bangalore, 24th M a y 1917.

M E M O

While I was in office to-day at 3-30 P.M. Constable Naga Singh came to me in a hurry and informed me that a lot of soldiers were creating a disturbance in ~~the~~ front of the Lal Bagh and at Mavalli by beating every body they came across. I tried to send a Telephone message to the Brigade office to send up Military Police, but the instrument was useless. I then informed the Deputy Commissioner who very kindly came with me at once and we arrived at Messrs. Muniswamy & Sons, Florists on the Lal Bagh Road by 3-45 P.M.

I found about 12 or 15 soldiers in front, and on the verandah of the Building in an agitated state.

With the help of Sergeant Nash who just then arrived, we pacified them and I started making enquiries.

Private Crutchlow, Garrison Military Police, informed me that Lance Corporal Taplin of the 2nd Royal West Kents Regiment, with Private Reynolds, Creighton Winstanley and Private Miles went to the Lal Bagh about 9 A.M. for a picnic, that three of these men were to start to night to the front, that about 12 noon, Miles found that his friends had too much beer, and fearing that they might not get back to Barracks, in time, he went back to his Regiment to fetch help and carriages to take the men back, and sought his (G.M.P's) help, that, when they were returning to the Lal Bagh, with three carriages and some men, about 2 P.M. he found the soldiers being beaten by Natives at Messrs.Munisawmy & Sons and when he went to their rescue, he was assaulted by the Natives with bamboos and a chopper, he was hurt on the wrist, right knee and shoulder, and produced a stout piece of Bamboo, as the stick, he was assaulted with, but he was

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not able to identify any of the men.

Private Atchley A.S.C. and Private Miles, West Kents, stated that they were going to the Lal Bagh between 2 and 3 P.M. and found several Natives beating the soldiers in front of Messrs. Munisawmy & Sons, Lal Bagh Road, and that they went to their assistance and that Private Egeston hurt his knee, while jumping out of the gharry and that Miles had gone for help to take these men back as they had too much liquor.

Private Cousins, Royal Kents, stated that he was going to the Lal Bagh between 2 and 3 P.M. and found some Natives beating some soldiers, in front of this Building and that some were hurt.

Lance Corporal Mafurd, Royal Kents, stated that he passed by, about 3 P.M. and found some soldiers hurt but did not see any body strike them.

Sergeants Nash and Park with 5 men of the Military Police arrived after hearing of the disturbance from the Civil and Military Police as Lance Corporal Taplin and 3 others, who had left prior to my arrival, went to the Shoolay Police and lodged a complaint, copy of which I received and have attached hereto.

During the enquiry, I learnt that the soldiers had created a disturbance previously at the Lal Bagh and had struck several persons.

I proceeded to the Lal Bagh in company with the Deputy Commissioner and Sergeant Nash and was informed by Mr. Bistopanth, the Superintendent, that the three soldiers chased his contractor( ) into his office and wanted to strike him, accusing him of having stolen some of their currency notes, that he had the man searched and finding nothing on him, he pacified the soldiers and sent them away, that the soldiers were intoxicated having emptied a large number of bottles of beer and that they

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smashed a few flower pots in the Fern house and broke a bench and that one of the soldiers fell off his bicycle.

We examined the Fern House and found this to be true. 17 empty beer bottles were found there and a Bike and a helmet were found in the office.

One Thippiah, Patel of Moogalhalli village of the Molakalmuru Taluk, who came as a casual visitor to the Lal Bagh to-day, hurried to us and showed us a black eye, which he stated, was caused by the soldiers, just because he went into the Fern house, when the soldiers were driving some gardeners away.

Ramiah, a Botanical student, stated that one of the soldiers gave him a blow on the mouth and hurt one of his teeth at the Lal Bagh Gate, because he was not sharp in helping to adjust a chain on one of the bicycles of the soldiers

Messrs. Rama Rao and D' Souza in charge of the grounds in the Lal Bagh, informed me that they saw the soldiers committing these acts of mischief and that they further chased two Eurasian young ladies who were screaming for help and that when Mr. D'Souza and others hurried up, they ceased to molest the ladies.

Inspector Abdul Nabi informed me that he turned up on the scene and hearing that the soldiers had committed excesses at the Lal Bagh, he went there to see, and by the time he went round the place and came to the gate, he found three soldiers the worse for liquor indiscriminately assaulting every body and that despite his warnings and persuasion they went into Mavalli and there assaulted the marginally noted men , and that with the greatest difficulty,he brought them to the Building of Munisami and Sons, when they were taken away and that we arrived just then.

1. Kuppusami
2. Byanna
3. Divakarappa
4. Ramiah

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Ramiah of Messrs. Rudrappa and Sons informed me that he was returning from the City on a bicycle when these soldiers without any cause kicked his bicycle and knocked him down, and that the soldiers then attacked an old villager.

Post man Kuppusamy of the R.M.S. living at Mavalli, showed me his left eye which was injured and informed me that one of the soldiers dealt him a blow.

Two men, Byanna and Devakarappa are also reported to be injured but their presence could not be secured.

Mr. Subbiah of Messrs. Rudrappa and Sons informed me that the soldiers had entered his garden also and there frightened his gardeners and females.

During the enquiry at the Florists, Lieut. Cunnings A.P.M. turned up, learnt the facts and left.

The General Commanding the station and a staff officer also came to the Lal Bagh and made enquiries. Petty shopkeeper Sattar complained that in the disturbance his shop was looted by these soldiers.

That the 4 soldiers who were the worse for liquor misbehaved themselves in the Lal Bagh is quite clear, and Mr. Bistopanth informs me that they even molested a respectable Hindu visitor to the station from Ceylon, while he visited the Lal Bagh, in company with his sister, by jumping on to the foot board of the car while in motion.

That there ~~was~~ were a large number of soldiers in the Lal Bagh is clear by the fact that 5 carriages drove in containing them about 9 A.M.

That the soldiers while being the worse for liquor, created a disturbance in the Lal Bagh and further after the

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assault, in front of the Florist's place, they behaved in a very turbulent and boisterous manner by striking every body mostly innocent persons they came across is also established, but how the disturbance was caused at the Florists, nobody comes forward to say.

That the soldiers were beaten by Hindus is spoken to not only by the Military men but also by the Mahomedan petty shop keeper, though he is not able to name any of the Hindu assailants. A Hindu man and a woman are hurt.

My suspicions are that Ramiah, the Botanical student who was assaulted in the Lal Bagh and who is related to the Florists is the cause of the trouble as he admits that after he was beaten he ran in the direction of the Firm. The soldiers seeing him run, must have pursued him, when the gardeners and other servants of the Firm hurried out and a free fight ensued. This the men are not however prepared to admit.

Coachman Varada who drove some of the soldiers to the Florists Firm stated that he saw the gardeners and coolies of this Firm beat the soldiers at the instigation of Mr. Veerappa, the Head of the Firm, but this statement does not appear to be true as Mr. Veerappa was at my office at 3-30 P.M. this day.

During the enquiry, we noticed that some of the soldiers had been drinking and Mr. Bistopanth has stated the same in his letter to the Brigade Major prior to the disturbance at the Florists (Copy enclosed).

All disturbance ceased by 4 P.M. and every thing was quiet in the evening. I have arranged for special Patrol.

Further details will be submitted.

COPY

Sd/, A. Hayes.
Superintendent of Police
Bangalore District.

The Inspector General of Police.

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To

The Brigade Major

Civil and Military Station,

B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that for some days past the soldiers of the Local Garrison coming in large numbers into the Lal Bagh garden have been creating disturbances very often and ill-treat the garden employees.

In spite of warnings from the men in charge they get beyond the iron reigons and thrust their hands into the cages of the Leopard and lions. One of them was severely scratched by one of the animals about four or five days ago. Today a body of the R. W. Kents, consisting of about 50 came into the garden at about 10 A.M. and getting full drunk commenced chasing the employees and visitors all round and broke a few benches and flower pots and were quite uncontrollable. I request therefore that you will be good enough to issue necessary orders so as to prevent their frequenting the garden or creating disturbances therein.

I have &c.,

Sd/- Bistopanth Badami.

Superintendent, Lal Bagh.

* C O P Y :

Offg. Inspector General of Police.

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Copy of complaint given by the soldier to the Shoolay police station.

I and my chums Private Reynolds, Creighton, Winstanley went to the Lal Bagh for a picnic and when we were returning near the big Florists and Seedsman shop, several natives, about 20 in number, set upon and assaulted us with sticks and stones, I was hit on the head, Reynolds was hit all over the body, Creighton on the eye and cheek and Winstanley badly hit on the eye. We do not give any cause but we were riding home in on a Gharry. Please do the needful. Creighton who was with us lost his bicycle and Creighton and myself lost our helmets in the disturbance.

Sd/- E. Taplin, L.Corporal
2nd R. W. Kents.

* C O P Y *

Offg. Inspector General of Police.——

Letter No.3608/17/A., dated the 8th June 1917, from the General Officer Commanding, Bangalore Brigade, Bangalore, to th First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

Please See ends & Sl 8.

I have the honour to forward herewith Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry held to enquire into the disturbance between British soldiers and Natives at the Lal Bagh on the 24th May 1917, for information and early return, please, with the request that steps may be taken to punish the offending natives.

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Mysore Resident's Office, No. 196-16

Bangalore, 18th June 1917.

A copy of the foregoing letter, with enclosures is forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, General Department, with reference to his letter No.1189, dated the 29th May 1917, with the request that the Resident may kindly be informed of the action if any which the Durbar may take in the matter.

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First Assistant Resident.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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No. J/4853 Encls

Date of issue 25/6/17

To

The D.G.P. Police in Mysore

Signed by W. G. Sewell Sir

By

With reference to the communications ending with your Cipher wire 5886/539 dated the 30th/31st May 1917 regarding the disturbance of the peace caused by British Soldiers near the Lalbagh on the 24th idem I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the proceedings of the court of enquiry held by the

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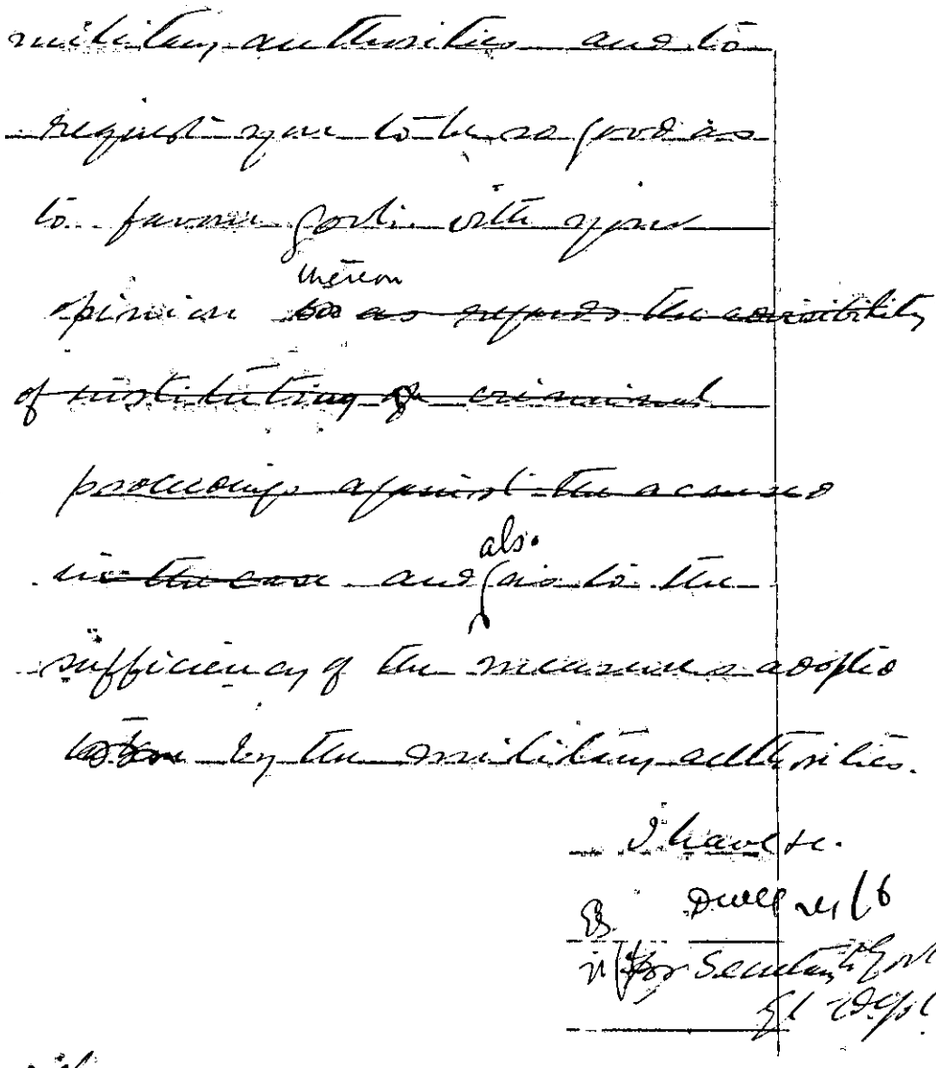

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OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

Dated Bangalore, 2nd July 1917.

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From

K. R. SRINIVASA IYENGAR, Esq., M.A.,
Offg. Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

To

D. M. Narasinga Rao Esquire, B.A.B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, General Department.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.J.4853/Police 194-16-7 dated 25th June 1917 and subsequent reminder, re the disturbance near the Lal Bagh caused by the soldiers on the 24th May 1917, I have the honor to submit herewith copy of letter No.1124/I dated 30th June 1917 from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore in the matter. After a careful perusal of the papers connected with the case the Deputy Commissioner is of opinion that the matter may be dropped, as the evidence regarding the identification and other important points is insufficient and not likely to lead to a conviction and that Botanical student Ramiah who seems to have been responsible for the fracas outside Messrs. Munisamy & Sons, Florists, may be warned. He further reports that the precaution of opening the grounds of the Lal Bagh for soldiers only between the hours of 3 and 6-30 P.M. is sufficient. I concur with the views of the Deputy Commissioner.

2. The enclosures received with the letter under reference are herewith returned, as desired.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

K. R. Srinivasa Iyengar
Inspector-General of Police.

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From

The Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore, Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of H. H. the Maharaja of
Mysore, General Dept.

Dated
Despatched } 3rd July 1917
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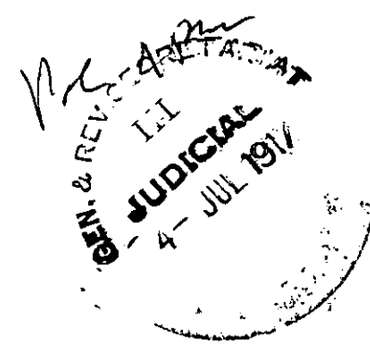
Subject.

Re the disturbance near the Lalbagh.



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No.1124/I

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District,
Dated Bangalore, 30th June 1917.

From

P. F. Bowring Esquire,
Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

To

K. R. Srinivasiengar Esquire, M.A.,
Offg. Inspector General of Police in Mysore!
B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.6306/705 dated 25th June 1917, I have the honor to inform you that I have gone through all the papers connected with the recent affray near the Lal Bagh.

In my opinion, the matter may be dropped, as no good will be derived by pressing it further, as the evidence, as regards identification, and other important points is insufficient and not likely to lead to a conviction.

I think the precaution of opening the grounds of the Lal Bagh for Soldiers only between the hours of 3 and 6-30 P.M is sufficient.

Botanical student Ramiah who seems to have been responsible for the fracas outside Messrs. Munisamy & Sons, Florists, may be warned.

I have &c.,
Sd/- P. F. Bowring
Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

C O P Y

Offg. Inspector General of Police.

LAL-BAGH DISTURBANCE CASE.

The evidence in this case is conflicting :-

A number of furlough men from Mesopotamia of West Kent Regiment with a few soldiers of drafts about to leave for - - Bombay the same evening about 20 in all went to the Lal-Bagh about noon on 24th May to have a picnic and enjoy themselves. They took lunch with them and sent a native to get them some beer, which he did, and some 18 bottles were eventually found half of which were pints and half quarts; the amount of beer consumed does not appear to have been excessive and amounted to not more than a bottle per man.

Some singing and dancing took place to a violin played by Lance Corporal Taplan in the Farm House, and the men were probably hilarious. A bench and two or three flowers pots appear to have been damaged.

Towards the end of the entertainment a native with some others appears to have tried to rob, or take away a belt from private Winstanley which led to some soldiers giving chase; assaulting an innocent native and alarming the Superintendent at his office. The supposed culprit was recognised in the office, and the soldiers asked to have him arrested and dealt with and went away, most of them returning to their Barracks.

These events apparently caused some excitement amongst the natives near by, as one or more of them proceeded outside the Lal-Bagh Gardens to Loonsami Gardens and collected some men, with the result that an assault with lathes, stones and sticks were made on 3 or 4 Soldiers, who were amongst the last to leave the Garden. Several unprovoked assaults on these soldiers and on a Garrison Military Policeman took place, as the natives saw that the men were alone and without means of defence. It seems clear that whatever happened inside the

Gardens

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Gardens previously, there was no proper justification for - - these ~~assaults~~ assaults. More Garrison Military Police and Civil and Police arriving the riotous natives bolted, and things at once quieted down - I myself and my Brigade Major also arrived on the scene shortly after 5 P.M. when I came to the conclusion that the fracas was not of a serious nature.

The soldiers implicated in this disturbance had been - - warned to avoid rows with natives and were acting against the Orders in having beer in their possession for which they will be punished.

The Lal-Bagh will in future be patrolled by Military - - Police and put out of bounds for soldiers of the Garrison, except between the hours of 3 P.M. and 6-30 P.M.

The Civil Authorities will be asked to take action - - against the native rioters outside Loonasami's, who were, I consider mainly responsible for the disturbance that took - - place.

Bangalore,
6th June 1917

Sd/ Eggulden
Brigadier General
~~Brigade Major.~~
COMMANDING BANGALORE BRIGADE.

PROCEEDINGS of a Court of Enquiry assembled at Bangalore on the 26th day of May 1917 by order of Headquarters, Bangalore Brigade for the purpose of an enquiry into a disturbance at the Lal-Bagh on the afternoon of the 24th May 1917 in which soldiers of the - - Connaught Rangers and West Kents were implicated.

PRESIDENT.

Major E.A. ~~Thorples for 9 D.~~ Marples, 1st Lg. B. Yorks Regiment.

MEMBERS.

Capt. G.Bowham-Carter R.W. Kent Regiment.

2nd Lieut. W.C.Adams 1st Oxf. & Bucks

The Court having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to examine witnesses.

1st Witness. Inspector Abdul Nabi, Mysore Police, in charge of Lal-Bagh Division, being duly warned, is examined by the Court and states :- -

At Bangalore, on 24th May 1917, about 2.45 P.M. I received information that soldiers were creating a disturbance in the Lal-Bagh. I proceeded to the Lal-Bagh and found some soldiers leaving the place. I went to the office of the Superintendent of the Garden and was informed that some soldiers had done damage in the Garden and had also entered the office and had insulted him in reference to his caste mark. On going to the Fern House, I found evidence of the damage complained of; some flower pots were broken, and also a bench. Some empty ~~beer~~ beer bottles were lying about. On going to the gate, I found Constable Naga Singh in company with three soldiers. One of the soldiers had a damaged hand, and another was hurt on the left knee and covered with dirt, and was - - without his coat ; the third soldier was not hurt. The

Constable

Constable wad trying to keep a crowd away from the - - soldiers, who were in an excited state. I despatched the Constable to the office of the Superintendent of Police and then accompanied the soldiers who proceeded into - - Mavalli village. On arriving there I saw another soldier on the tank bund, he had a bicycle and was without coat or helmet. On ~~my~~ our approach he threw away his bicycle and ran from the bund into the village street. We followed him but could not find him. The soldiers who were with me then began kicking at the doors and began offering violence to some of the people. I did my best to prevent violence and they did not actually strike any one in my presence. On reaching the Lal-Bagh Road again two Military Policemen came up. Two of the soldiers who were with me remained with the Military Police but the 3rd soldier got into a garry and drove to the entrance of Moonanami & Sons, the Florists. We followed and found that the soldier was inside the premises and looking for some of his former assailants. The Superintendent of Police then came up and took charge of the case. ~~This~~ This evidence is read over to the witness.

K.P. 4 (c) (d) & (e) have been complied with.

Sd/- Abdul Rabi

The witness withdraws.

2nd Witness. Mr. J.F. de Souza, in charge of the Nurseries, Lal-Bagh Gardens, being duly warned, is examined, and states : - I was leaving the Lal-Bagh at about 11-30 A.M. on the 24th May 1917, when I ~~saw~~ Saw two soldiers chasing two Eurasian ladies near the Fern House; these ladies were screaming and ran towards a party of Eurasian young men who appeared to be their friends. The soldiers then returned to the Fern House. I could see that there were a number of soldiers, probably about twenty, sitting inside the Fern House. I saw a number of beer bottles. About 2-15 P.M. on the same day, I returned to ~~my~~ office near the gate, and saw an excited crowd consisting of four or five soldiers a number, (probably twenty) of Hindus. Inside the office I found a Hindu with an injured eye. He said he had been assaulted by soldiers. Some of the soldiers came inside the office, and one of them, who was drunk, toughed the caste mark on the forehead of the Garden's Superintendent several times. The soldiers then left the office.

Afterwards on inspecting the Fern House I found one of the garden benches broken, a number of plant pots - - broken, a few plants damaged, and ~~saw~~ also a large number of empty beer bottles and glasses. ~~Even~~ The latter were broken.

His evidence is read over to the witness.

H.P. 4 (c), (d) & (e). having been complied with ~~the witness withdrew~~.

The witness withdrew Sd/- J. D'Souza

3rd Witness

Venkatappa, son of Honappa, Head gardener at Lal-Bagh, being duly warned, states : -

At Lal-Bagh, Bangalore, on the 24th May 1917, at about 11 A.M. there were about twenty soldiers in the Fern House, they collected the benches and sat down the Gharri-wallahs, four in number, brought in three sacks containing bottles. The soldiers began drinking. When I returned at about 1 P.M. the soldiers were noisy. They turned me out of the Fern House. A little while afterwards I was arranging pots when one of the soldiers assaulted one of my coolies named Ramia. They also struck a villager who came into the Fern House. Shortly afterwards when returning from the office where I had been to report the incident, I saw three soldiers on bicycles chasing a contractor towards the office. I saw ran away and hid myself.

His evidence is read over to the witness.

R.P. 4 (c), (d) & (e) have been complied with.

Sd/ Venkatappa

The witness is withdrawn.

4th Witness. Abdul Sattar, Shopkeeper at the Lal;Bagh gate being duly warned states : -

At the Lal-Bagh gate, Bangalore, on 24th May 1917, at about 2-45 P.M. I saw four gharries containing soldiers, some of whom were drunk, drive out of the gate of the Lal-Bagh; they were followed about ten minutes later by three soldiers on foot. They were drunk and throwing stones at passers by. One soldier on a bicycle, who had accompanied the four gharries, rode back towards the gate. The four gharries were then out of sight. A soldier on foot followed the bicycle; he had no coat nor helmet, and was covered with dirt, and there was a little blood on his shirt. These two soldiers ~~found~~ joined the three soldiers who were on foot, and they all walked in the direction of Moonesami's. I then heard a disturbance and a crowd of people came running down the road from the - - direction of Moonesami's. The Hindus were running first followed by soldiers carrying bamboos. I began to collect my stock-in-trade when a soldier ran up and kicked me and I fell into the drain. I then found that some of my stock-in-trade, and also a chopper and a pair of tongs had been taken. I could not identify some of the soldiers who were in the affray.

His evidence in read over to the witness.

P.P. 4 (c), (d) & (e) have been complied with.

Sd/ Abdul Sattar

The witness withdrawn.

5th Witness. L~~e~~ Cpl. No. 8777 2, E.Knott, 2nd Bn. R.W.Kent Regiment, being duly warned, is examined and states : -

At Bangalore, on 24th May 1917, I joined a party of N.C.O's and men from the No. 4 C.B.D. depot, in one of the Fern Houses at the Lal-Bagh Gardens. I saw twelve bottles of beer in the Fernery. I then left and joined another party of lady friends. I saw no disturbance ~~wh~~ whatever. There were about twenty soldiers in the Fern House when I was present. All the eighteen N.C.O's and men whose names are on the list now shown to me (marked X) were present in the Fernery.

His evidence is read over to the witness.

R.P. 4 (c), (d) & (e) have been complied with.

The witness withdraws.

Sd/ L.Cpl. E.Knott.

6th Witness No. ~~9[illegible]~~ 9478 L. Cpl. E. Taplen, 2nd Bn., R.W. Kent Regiment, being duly warned, is examined and states:-

At Bangalore, on the 24th May 1917 I drove to the Lal-Bagh in company with some other N.C.O's and men of my unit. I played the Violin in one of the Ferneries, and the others danced and sang. The only damage I saw was one plant pot broken. Four soldiers of our party who were for the draft, and one other soldier left ~~early~~ early in two gharries. The remainder of us left at about three O'Clock with the remaining three gharries. I had seen no previous disturbance of any kind but as I was leaving I heard some talk about an attempt at theft by a Native from a member of our party named Windstandley.- There was no crowd near the gate when I rode out (on a borrowed bicycle), but when I got near the Vaccine Institute the chain of my bicycle came off. While I was trying to put it on, another of our party on a bicycle overtook me shouting out that there was trouble behind, and rode forward. Shortly afterwards one of the gharries that had left about 1-30 P.M. came back with a Military Policeman inside. I got inside and went back towards the Gardens. We then met the last gharry belonging to our party standing in the road and three men viz. Privates Creighten, Windstandley and Reynolds, were standing by it, two of them were bleeding. They said they had been assaulted by Natives and had lost a bicycle. The Police man and I then drove on towards the Garden and stopped outside the Florists. There was a big crowd of Natives, carrying sticks and bamboo poles; one Native had a chopper and another a small *sickle*. I stood on the step and asked for a man's helmet and a bicycle, and as I ~~sta~~ stepped down I felt a blow on the back of my head and remember no more for a time. Then I remember being led back to a gharri by a small Eurasian boy.

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This evidence is read over to the witness.

R.P. 4 (c), (d) & (e) have been complied with.

Sd/ E. Taplen L/C.

The witness-withdraws.

my bicycle. I left my bicycle in the ditch and as I saw that Natives were collecting I stopped an empty gharry that was passing and told the other two to get in. I then went off to recover my bicycle and saw a Native - - wheeling it towards me. He said "Here's your bicycle" but as he held a large stone in his other hand, above his head, I thought he was going to strike me with it, so I seized my bicycle with one hand and pushed him away with the other. I then noticed some Natives with poles striking the other two soldiers who were sitting in the gharri. I went to their assistance but was nocked down by the Natives and prevented from rising. The other two left the gharri and came to help me. We then got away the best we could on foot. About 200 yards further on we found a gharri coming towards us with one of our parties inside. We stopped him and he left the gharri with us and went off in the direction of Bangalore to get assistance. Another gharri containing L.Cpl. Taplen and one of the Garrison Police drove up, they went down the road towards the place where we had been assaulted. About five mimutes later, we saw Lance Carporal Taplin come towards us again with blood running down his face. I assisted him into our gharri and we drove off to the Police Station in Richmond Town , and report the occurrence.

I can swear that my bicycle and helmet were both lost in the struggle outside the florist's and not inside the gardens.

did not at any time see any soldier attempting to enter any house or shop.

So far as we were concerned I could not see anything outside the garden to provoke an assault. I am also prepared to swear that no member of our picnic party was - - drunk or making a disturbance. There were many other soldiers in the garden belonging to different units but

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7th Witness. No. 8341 Pte. H.Creighten, 2nd Bn. R.W. Kent Regiment, being duly warned, is examined, and states : -

At Bangalore, on 24th May 1917, I joined a picnic party from No. 4 C.B.I. Depot to the Lal-Bagh; we took our lunch, and when we got there some beer was brought in, I think there were about twelve bottles. We were dancing and singing but I am prepared to swear that there was no disturbance inside the Fernery, and that no ladies or women were chased or interfered with outside, by any member of our party. One of our party, Pte. Windstandle was sleeping on the ground, and about 2-30 P.M. I saw a scuffle, and asked what the matter was. I was told that a Native had tried to rob Pte. Windstandley while he was lying down. The party then began to go home. I was riding a bicycle and when I got near the gates, I saw Pte. Windstandley and one another soldier ~~like~~ enter a building, which looked like an office. I followed them in, and while there another soldier came in and said he could identify a Native who was standing there as the man who had tried to rob Pte.Windstandley. He also asked the clerk inside the office to confine the Native in question. I can swear that no insult was offered to any Native inside the building while I was there. We wanted another gharri to accommodate our party, so I ~~went~~ rode off to try and find one, which I had been told was standing near the lion's cage. I could not find one so I rode back and left the gardens. As I got outside I noticed two of our party walking in front of me. The one farthest away was about 100 yards distant from me, and the second one about 50 yards distant. I then saw the bleeding man bend suddenly and stop, the second man ran forward, and I followed on my bicycle. When I ~~searched~~ reached them there were two or three Natives standing round them. As I came up I was struck by something which appeared to be a stone on the back of my head, and was knocked off my

I did not see or hear any kind of disturbance among them.

His evidence is read over to the witness.

R.P. 4 (c), (d) & (e) have been complied with.

Sd/ H. Creighton Pte.

The witness withdrawn.

8th Witness No. 9009 Pte. I Reynolds, 2nd R.W., Kent Regt. being duly warned, is examined and states : -

At Bangalore on 24th May 1917, I was one of a picnic party at the Lal-Bagh, and drove down in one of the five gharries. The gardeners assisted us to collect - - seats in the Fernery and we ate our lunch there. The lunch was packed in gunny bags; about twelve bottles of beer were produced, but I did not actually see them carried in. One man played the Violin and we danced and sang; but there was no disturbance of any kind. I did not, at any time, see any soldiers or native women inside the garden. Just after lunch I heard Pte. Windstandley shout out. "These Natives are trying to breech me". I noticed about six Natives run away from the Fernery, and Pte. Windstandley ran after them but could not catch them. About ten minutes later I saw some of our party taking a Native they had caught to an office. near the gates. - There was no disturbance outside the office after the Native had been taken inside. About half an hour later I started to walk home, and when I had for about 150 yds from the gates, I noticed Pte. Windstandley sitting in the ditch. There were about a dozen natives arguing together in an excited manner, near the Florists, Close by where Pte. Windstandley was sitting. He called me to him "Jony! these natives are after interfering with me". I then noticed Pte. Creighten following us on a bicycle. Just as he passed through the natives a stone struck him on the head, and nearly hit me. Pte. Creighten fell off his bicycle, and the natives started ~~breaking~~ beating him with umbrellas and poles ~~until~~ while he was lying on the ground Before this happened we had got into an empty gharri but when we saw Pte. Creighten on the ground we got out and went to his assistance. We got him on his feet and we all three moved off on foot in the direction of Banga-

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Bangalore.

We then saw L.Cpl. Taplen coming towards us in a gharri, and he drove off in the direction of the trouble in order to recover Pte. Creighten's bicycle and helmet. Soon afterwards he came staggering back on foot and two or three natives following him, he was bleeding from a wound in the head. We assisted him into our gherri, and drove off to the Police Post where we reported the occurrence.

His evidence is read over to the witness.

R.P. 4 (c), (d) & (e) have been complied with.

Sd/ Pte. Reynolds I.

The witness withdrawn.

Signed at Bangalore the 26th day of May 1917.

Sd/ E.A. Harples Major President.

Sd/G.Fonham Carter Capt.)
Sd/ C. Adams. I.M.S.) Members.
2nd Lieut

Note by the President

The evidence of the first, third and fourth witnesses was given in the vernacular, and was interpreted to the Court by the Bangalore City Superintendent of Police.

Sd/ E.A.Harples
Major,
P r e s i d e n t .

The Court is reopened at 10 A.M. on the 2nd June 1917.

1st Battalion Connaught Rangers

Capt. A.L.B. Anderson takes the place of Capt. J.Bonham Carter (in Hospital)

The Court having assembled proceed to examine witnesses

9th Witness No. 8708 L.Cpl. T. Lulford, 2nd Bn. R.W. Kent Regiment, having been duly warned, is examined and states.

At Bangalore, on the 24th May 1917, I was a member of a picnic party at the Fern House, At the Lal-Bagh. I rode there on a bicycle and the remainder of the party arrived in gharries and on bicycles about five minutes later. I saw a collection made among thr party and saw the money handed over to a native, about eleven ~~o'clock~~ o'clock, so far as I can remember. We sat down on some farms about twelve noon to eat our lunch. The lunch was carried from Barracks in gharries and was packed in bags. When we sat down to lunch some beer in bottles was handed ~~round~~ round, and also glasses.

L.Cpl. Taplen played the violin before and after lunch and we were singing and dancing until about three O'Clock. Just before we were ready to leave I was sitting on a farm and Pte Winstandley was sleeping on the ground about five yards away. I heard him shout out, and I then saw a native dressed in a "dhoti" stooping over Pte. Winstandley, and four or five other natives looking on about five yards away. The native who was interfering and Pte. Winstandley then ran away, and the other natives also ran out of the Fernery. Pte. Winstandley jumped up and ran after them for a few yards hit them, came back. I heard him say that the native had been trying to breech him

him.

Our party then broke up. I went to get my bicycle, and rode towards the gates but when I got neat the gates I turned back again to see if all the gherries had left. I then noticed one of our party empty gherries standing about twenty yards from the office. There were about four soldiers of our party and a crowd of natives, probably about twenty arguing just outside the office. I leaned my bicycle against the wall and went inside the office. I saw Pte. Creighten inside and about three - - other soldiers who were members of our party, but I don't know their names. I also saw a small boy in European - clothes. He was white. He pointed to a native who was being held at the far side of the desk by two or three other natives and said "That's the man". I then asked the Babu in charge to have the man confined. Creighten and I, and the other soldiers then left the office. I then got on my bicycle and rode out of the gates in the direction of home. The other members of our party started to walk home. When I had ridden about a mile I turned round and rode back towards the Lal-Bagh, and when I got about half way, I met L.Cpl. Taplen, Pte. Creighten, Pte Winstanley and Pte. Reynolds, walking towards me. They told me not to go back because the natives had set about them. They were all bleeding from the face or head, excepting Reynolds. An empty gherri drove up from the direction of Bangalore, so I told them to get in. They did so and drove home. I rode on towards the Lal-Bagh. When I got to the gates I met a gharri with Pte. Miles and some other members of our party. Pte. Miles was standing beside the gharri and talking to the Police Inspector and one Policeman (both natives). Pte. Liles told me that Pte. Creighten had lost his cycle and helmet; so I went with him and three or four other soldiers, whose names I don't remember and accompanied by both the Police to a village

village a short distance away to search for the missing articles. I did not see any of our party or any other soldiers knock at the door of any house or try to go in We walked round the village without result and then went back to the Florists and went inside. We found the Chief Inspector there and two or three Garrison Policemen and a number of natives. The Inspector asked me my name, which I gave. I then went outside and saw a native in the custody of a Policeman. I identified him as the same native who was interfering with Pte. Winstanley in the Fernery, and who was in the office when the small boy called my attention to him. I can swear that it was the same man in both cases, and I told the Police at the time that he was the culprit.

I then rode home.

His evidence is read over to the witness.

R.P. 4 (c), (d) & (e) have been complied with.

Sd/ L.Cp.T.Melford

The witness withdrawn.

10th Witness No. 8276 Pte. A Winstanley, 2nd Bn. R.W. Kent Regiment, being duly warned, is examined and states

At Bangalore, on the 24th May 1917 I was a member of a picnic party at the Lal-Bagh. I drove there in a gharri, and we on arriving I had a walk round the gardens. I then came in and had lunch with the others and as I did not feel well I lay down and had a sleep in the Fernery. I then felt some one ~~coming~~ leaning across me and feeling in my trouser pocket. This woke me and I saw that the person who was trying to rob me was a native. I shouted to the others and the native ran away. I got up and ran outside but when I had got about twenty yards I stopped because there were other natives about and I could not see which of them was the right man. About ten minutes later, I ~~w~~ was told that the native had been caught and taken to the office. I did not see him caught, and I don't know who it was that took him to the office.

About twenty minutes later we got into our gharri to drive home. My gharri stopped outside the office but I did not get out, because Pte. Creighton told me that the man was inside and that the Police had been sent for. After remaining outside the office for five or ten minutes we started to drive home. After driving about 500 yards some one said that Pte. Reynolds was walking so I stopped the gharri and ~~he~~ got out to wait for him. The others drove off. I walked a short distance back to meet Pte. Reynolds, and we then started to walk home. When we had passed the Floista, I noticed that a number of natives were ~~rrizing~~ coming up towards us. Some came down the road towards us, and some out of a yard at the side. Most of them were carrying sticks. An empty gharri was coming from the direction of Bangalore, ~~some~~ to me stopped the driver and asked him to take us home. The natives surrounded us, and were shouting and waving their sticks

sticks. We got into the gherri and sat down and asked the driver to turn round and drive us home. He did not start because the natives were persuading him not to do so. Then a native with an umbrella struck Pte. Reynolds on the arm with his umbrella while he was sitting in the gharri. I jumped out and was immediately knocked off my feet by a blow from a large long bamboo pole. I then got up and saw another man with a bamboo knock Pte. Creighten, who was following us, off his bicycle. I went to his assistance and we tried to get away on foot. The crowd followed us for about half a mile shouting and striking at us. Creighten was knocked down again. We got him up and started off home again. The crowd again followed us and began throwing large stones at us. We then noticed a gherri coming towards us. Pte. Lilley was inside. He got out and I asked him to fetch the Police. He ran ~~after~~ off in the direction of Bangalore and we got inside the gherri. Then L.Cpl. Taplen rode up from the direction of Bangalore on his bicycle. We told him what had happened and he rode off towards the place where we had been assaulted to try and recover the lost bicycle and helmet. Soon afterwards we saw him staggering back on foot bleeding from the head. We got him inside the gherri and drove off to give information at the Police Station.

His evidence is read over to the witness.

F.P. 4 (c), (d) & (e) have been complied with.

Sd/ Winstanley Pte.

The witness withdraws.

11th Witness No.8494 Pte. F. Miles, 2nd R.W. Kent Regiment, ~~having~~ being duly warned, is examined and states : -

At Bangalore, on 24th May 1917, I was a member of a picnic party at the Lal-Bagh. A collection was made and about an hour later a native brought some beer bottles ~~i~~ in a cloth. I only saw one dozen brought. About two O' Clock I found we were short of gherries for ~~one~~ our party in consequence of the men who were proceeding with the draft the same night having left earlier and taken two of our gherries. So I drove off in one of the remaining gherries and came back to Barracks. I found both empty gherries there, so ordered them to return at once to the Lal Bagh. I drove back in the gherry I had come in. When I had got about half way I picked up one of the Military Police who was walking towards the Lal-Bagh in order to give him a lift. About half a mile from the gates we met a gherri coming towards us. There were four of our party inside. I saw they were damaged. So I asked what was the matter. They told me they had been assaulted near the Florists, so the Military Policeman drove on in my gherri, and I got into one of the two empty gherries and followed the Policeman. A little further down the road I met L. Cpl. Taplen staggering towards me and blood ~~ran~~ running down his face. I asked him to walk on as far as the other empty gherry and he did so. I drove on and then heard a whistle sound. I then saw ~~xxxxxx~~ about 100 yards in front several natives striking the Military Policeman who had preceeded me with bamboo poles. I told the gherri driver to hurry up and went to his assistance but before I reached him the natives ran away. The Policeman was on the ground but he jumped up and followed them but failed to catch them. We then walked to the corner of the road about 30 yeards from the Lal-Bagh gates and found some native Police there. We accompanied the - -

Police

Police round a village to try and find a missing bicycle and helmet, but without success. We then went to the Florists, and found the Police Inspector inside. He took our evidence, and then accompanied him into the Lal-Bagh, where he went inside an office. About ten minutes later we drove home. While I was giving my evidence inside the Florists I saw a native brought in by the Civil Police. I did not know why, and did not ask any questions.

His evidence is read over to the witness.

R. P. 4 (c), (d) & (e) has been complied with.

Sd/ Pte. Miles F.

The witness withdraws.

The evidence is concluded.

Note. The Court is unable to ascertain whether the native who attempted to rob Pte. Winnstanley was taken to the Office, or whether he went there voluntarily. There is no evidence available to account for his presence there.

Signed at Bangalore this 2nd day of June 1917.

Sd/ E.A. Marples Major Presdt

Sd/ A.E.B. Anderson Capt } Members.
Sd/ H.C. Adams }

THE COURT RE-OPENED AT

on the 5th June 1917.

P r e s i d e n t .

Major E.A.Marples - 1st Garrn. Bn. Yorkshire Regt.

M e m b e r s

Capt. A.L.B. Anderson, 1st Bn. Connaught Rangers.

2nd Lieut. H.C. Adams, 1st Bn.Oxford - Bucks L.I.

Twelfth witness No. 9155 ~~General~~ Garrison Provost Sergt. G.E.Nash 1st Bn. Oxford & Bucks L.I., being duly warned, is examined and states : -

At Bangalore on the 24th May 1917, I received information that a disturbance had been taken place in the Lal-Bagh. I at once cycled in that direction in company with Sergt. Parks G.M.P., and also ordered a number of Garrison Policemen to proceed to the Lal-Bagh.

On arriving at the Shooley Police Station I found a Gherri with four soldiers inside it. All of these men bore said signs of injury and they had been assaulted by natives near Lal-Bagh. I took their names and ordered them to proceed to the Station Hospital to get their wounds dressed. On my arrival opposite Moonesamy's the Florists, I found standing in the road, about five or six soldiers; the Sub-Inspector of the City Police, and two or three constables. About 50 yards nearer to the Lal-Bagh gates at the corner of the road, I saw a knot of natives standing.

I interrogated the soldiers, and they told me that while coming from the Lal-Bagh they had been set upon and assaulted by Natives, armed with bamboos, stones and in one instance, a chopper. One of the soldiers was - - bleeding from a wound above the eye. I also interrogated one

one of the Garrison Police named Pte. Crutchlow who was in company with the soldiers. He told me that while - - patrolling on foot he was asked by a soldier to find some gherries to convey a party from the Lal-Bagh to Barracks. He had found three gherries and rode in one of them towards the Lal-Bagh, but in arriving opposite Moonesami's he saw some soldiers being assaulted by a crowd of natives. He got out of the gherri to go to their assistance but was knocked down by the natives and struck with a bamboo on the head, shoulder and arm. He managed to secure a bamboo from one of the natives, who were assaulting him and handed this subsequently to the Superintendent of the City Police. On the arrival of the second and third gherries, with a soldier in each, the crowd ran away.

I took the names of the soldiers present who had been concerned in the affray, and a rough statement of their evidence.

I then went inside Moonisamy's and joined the Superintendent who proceeded to inquire into the occurrence. A Native was brought in by one of the C.M.P. and was examined by the Superintendent. This native was charged with attempting to rob a soldier in the Fernery of the Lal-Bagh. He was left in the hands of the City Police.

I then proceeded to the Lal-Bagh in company with the Superintendent. We first went to the office and the Curator was interrogated by the Superintendent, in my presence. On coming out, we saw a native who was said to be the head man of a village near Bellary. He had a bruise near one of his eyes. The Superintendent spoke to him and I gathered from the conversation that he alleged that the injury had been caused by a soldier. I then accompanied the Superintendent to the Fernery. I then saw two or three broken plant pots. We then proceeded

proceeded to the Store Shed and I saw there a broken form which was said to have been removed from the Fernery. The top bar at the back was broken off, and the damage appeared to have been recently caused.

We then proceeded to the Compound in front of the Curator's office where a number of empty beer bottles had been collected. The G.O.C. and the Brigade Major were then present.

On the following day, May 25th, 1917, at about 11 A.M. I cycled down to Moonesamy's office and met there the Superintendent of the City Police and also the soldiers who had been concerned in the affray, with the exception of one (Pte. Winstanley) who had been admitted to Hospital. A number of Natives had been assembled - - there for the purpose of identification. They were lined up and the Soldiers present were asked to go down the - line to see if they could identity any of the natives as having assaulted them the previous day. Several of the soldiers said they identified one of the natives as the man who had attempted to rob Pte. Winstanley. Several soldiers also said that they could identify another of the natives as having committed an assault upon them.

A petty shop keeper (native) was also asked by the Superintendent of he could identify any of the natives present as being concerned in the assault. He picked out several of them. The natives who had been identified were taken in hand by the City Police.

His evidence is read over to the witness

Sd/ G.E. Nash, Sergt.

R.P. 4, (c) (d) & (e) have been complied with.

Certificate
Signed at Bangalore
5th day of June 1917

Sd/ E.A.Marples Major - President.

Sd/ A.L.B. Anderson Capt.)
Sd/ H.C. Adams I.L.S.) Members.

THE COURT IS RE-OPENED AT 10-30 A.M. ON THE 8th JUNE 1917

P R E S I D E N T .

Major E.A. Marples, 1st Garrn. Bn. Yorkshire Regt.

M E M B E R S .

2nd Lieut. J.Clifford 1st Bn. Manchester Regt.

2nd Lieut. H.C.Adams 1st Bn. Oxford & Bucks L.I.

THE COURT PROCEED TO TAKE ~~THE~~ EVIDENCE-

Thirteenth Witness No. 9582 Pte. W. Crutchlow G.H.P. being duly warned states :

At Bangalore on the 24th May 1917, I was patrolling in the Langford Road when I saw a man of the R.W. Kent Regiment sitting in a gherri and proceeding in the direction of the Lal-Bagh. Two empty gherries were following. He gave me a lift in his gherri. When we had reached a point in the Lal-Bagh Road about 1,000 yards distant from the gardens we met two soldiers staggering along the road. Both showed signs of injury. They told me that they had been attacked by Natives outside the Florists. The - - soldier who was with me assisted them into one of the empty gherries and told them to drive to the Station Hospital.

A Lance Corporal. pushing a bicycle then came from the direction of the Lal-Bagh. he said that he had been informed by the two injured men that a bicycle and two helmets belonging to men of their party had been left behind in the Lal-Bagh. He put his damaged bicycle in my gherry. The other soldier who had been with me had already gone back with the two injured men to Hospital. The Lance Corporal and I then drove off towards the Lal-Bagh to search for the missing bicycle and helmets. On

reaching

reaching the Florists we found a crowd of Natives in the road. The gherri stopped and immediately the Lance Corporal was struck from behind over the head, and fell out of the gherri. I went to his assistance but was at once struck with a bamboo pole on the right shoulder, on the left hand and waist. I closed with my assailant and - - managed to secure his pole. I was then struck by another native on the back of the head and ~~knocked~~ kicked on the knee. The blow on my head caused me to fall. I jumped up, blew my whistle and swung the pole which I still held. The crowd then ran away. About a dozen of them ran into the Florist's compound, and scattered. The remainder ran into a yard opposite. A native Police Inspector and a native constable who had heard my whistle came running up. We ~~searched~~ searched among the adjoining houses but failed to find any one. On returning to the Florists we found about six members of the Garrison Police and the Provost Sergeant. I reported the occurrence to the latter.

The A.P.M. arrived about ten minutes later.

Sd/ Pte. W. Crutchlow G.L.P.

His evidence is read over to the witness.

Certificate R.P. 4 (c), (d) & (e) have been complied with.

Sd/ at Bangalore the 8th day of June 1917.

Sd/ R.A. Marples Major, President.

Sd/ ~~H.~~ Clifford 2nd Lieut)
Sd/ H.C. Adams)Members.

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Registrar

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To

The First Assistant to the
Hon'ble the Resident.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your office endorsement No. 4,663 dated the 18th June 1917, regarding the disturbance which took place between some British soldiers and ~~Natives~~ others, near the Lal Bagh on the 24th May 1917, I am directed to state that the investigation which was conducted by the District Superintendent of Police, Bangalore, has not led to any results of a conclusive character. The British soldiers were able to identify in a way only a few persons as having been present during the affray or taken part in it. Both the District Magistrate of Bangalore and the Offg. Inspector General of Police are of the decided opinion that, as the evidence regarding the identification and other important points is insufficient and not likely to lead to a conviction, the matter ~~may~~ should be dropped.

2. In these circumstances, the Durbar regret that it is not possible to institute any criminal action before

a Court of Law in this case.

I have the honour, etc.

Secretary to Government,
General Department.

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Copy of the above is forwarded to the I.G. of Police for information, with reference to his letter No. 26/2 dated the 3rd July 1917.

By order,

Secretary to Govt.